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DECISIONS ON BUDGETARY MATTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA FOR 1999

1. The Meeting of States Parties approves the budget of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 1999, amounting to $6,983,817, as set out in annex III to the present document, together with the staffing table for the Registry in 1999, as contained in annexes I and II hereto.

2. The Meeting of States Parties approves the establishment of a Working Capital Fund. On an exceptional basis, savings from appropriations in the budget, up to a maximum of $200,000, will be credited to the Fund.

3. The Tribunal shall be authorized to transfer funds among appropriation sections to deal with cases which may arise during the budget period.

4. Without prejudice to the application of the provisions of article 19 of annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in respect of future budgets of the Tribunal regarding the contribution to be made by the International Seabed Authority, the budget of the Tribunal for 1999 will be financed by all States and international organizations that are Parties to the Convention.

5. The contributions to be made by States Parties shall be based upon the scale of assessments for the regular budget of the United Nations for the corresponding financial year, adjusted to take account of participation in the Convention.

Annex I

PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE REGISTRY IN 1999[a]

Level	Function	Number of posts	Standard costs (United States dollars)
ASG	Registrar	1	152 900
D-2	Deputy Registrar	1	143 000
P-5	Head of Administration and Management	1	108 900
P-4	Librarian/Head of Publications and Archives	1	105 000
P-4	Head of Budget and Finance	1	105 000
P-4	Head of Conference and Linguistic Services	1	105 000
P-4	Translator/Reviser	1	105 000
P-4	Legal Officer	1	105 000
P-3	Legal Officer/Information	1	75 900
P-3	Systems Administrator/Database Manager[b]	1	40 600
P-2	Contributions Officer/Budget	1	73 600
P-2	Associate Legal Officer/Research	1	73 600
	Total	12	1 193 500

[a] See SPLOS/WP.5, annex II.

[b] New post.

Annex II

GENERAL SERVICE STAFF OF THE REGISTRY IN 1999[a]

Level	Function	Number of posts	Standard costs (United States dollars)
Principal level (G-6 to G-7)			
	Administrative Assistant (Contributions and Accounts)	1	65 100
	Computer Systems Assistant	1	65 100
	Personal Assistant to the President	1	65 100
	Personal Assistant to the Registrar	1	65 100
	Administrative Assistant (General Administration)[b]	1	44 500
Other levels (G-3 to G-5)			
	Personnel Assistant	1	51 400
	Finance Assistant (Accounts Payable/Payroll)	1	51 400
	Senior Security Officer	1	51 400
	Information/Documentation Assistant	1	51 400
	Conference Service Assistant	1	51 400
	Secretary to Deputy Registrar	1	51 400
	Judiciary Support (Conference Typing Assistant)	2	102 800
	Pension/Tax/Social Security/Distribution Assistant[b]	1	27 500
	Linguistic/Conference Secretary[b c]	2	55 000
	Security Officer/Driver	1	51 400
	Library/Documents Assistant	1	51 400
	Caretaker/Building Superintendent	1	51 400
	Receptionist	1	51 400
	Total	20	1 004 200

[a] See SPLOS/WP.4, annex III.

[b] New posts.

[c] Will also subsume the functions of a Legal Assistant.

Annex III

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE TRIBUNAL COVERING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY-31 DECEMBER 1999[a]

(United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	1996-1997 budget	Budget for 1998	Costs for 1999
Recurrent expenditure			
Remuneration of judges:	2 452 600	1 971 330	
Annual allowances			1 175 090
Special allowances and subsistence allowances			1 173 000
Travel of judges to sessions		250 000	240 000
Judges' pension scheme			29 167
Established posts	2 050 000	1 794 688	2 197 700
Common staff costs	63 000	624 551	734 030
General temporary assistance	107 000	87 000	120 000
Overtime	24 500	20 000	45 330
Representation allowance	3 100	7 000	7 600
Official travel	150 000	82 000	82 000
Communications	53 900	137 000	151 000
Supplies and materials	46 600	50 600	70 000
External printing and binding	37 800	40 000	46 000
Temporary assistance for meetings	116 900	149 600	307 000
Maintenance of premises	143 400	140 000	125 000
Rental and maintenance of equipment	141 400	141 400	141 400
Hospitality	4 200	3 000	6 500
Special services (external audit)		3 000	13 000
Library: procurement of books and publications		60 000	60 000
Start-up costs of library		60 000	60 000
Miscellaneous services (including bank charges)	2 900	6 000	50 000

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Objects of expenditure	1996-1997 budget	Budget for 1998	Costs for 1999
Non-recurrent expenditure			
Furniture and equipment:			
Purchase of equipment	173 000	90 000	125 000
Purchase of special equipment		50 000	25 000
Contingency	409 100		
Start-up	191 500		
TOTAL	6 170 900	5 767 169	6 983 817

[a] See SPLOS/WP.5, annex V.